

Amendment No. 2 to SB7006

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Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 7006

House Bill No. 7008*

By adding the following language after the second sentence of amendatory subdivision (c)(1) in Section 2 of the bill:

The commission shall engage public universities and community colleges for input during the creation of the master plan.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in SECTION 2 of the bill the following language in amendatory subdivision (c)(2) in its entirety:

An institutional mission statement must characterize the institution by stating its distinctiveness in degree offerings by level and focus and must address institutional accountability for the quality of instruction, student learning and, where applicable, research and public service.

And by substituting instead the following language:

An institutional mission statement must characterize the institution by stating its distinctiveness in degree offerings by level and focus and must address institutional accountability for the quality of instruction, student learning and, where applicable, research and public service to benefit Tennessee citizens.

AND FURTHER AMEND by inserting the sentence "Nothing contained in this act shall prohibit any institution from pursuing research and related activities that are consistent with the institution's mission." at the end of subdivision (c)(2) of the amendatory language of Section 2 of the bill.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting in SECTION 2 of the bill the following language in amendatory subdivision (c)(3) in its entirety:

In developing the master plan, the commission shall engage regional and statewide constituencies to ensure that the document supports the development of a public agenda for higher education.

And by substituting instead the following language:

In developing the master plan, the commission shall engage regional and statewide constituencies to ensure that the document supports the development of a public agenda to provide higher education opportunities to benefit Tennessee citizens.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the language "The policies and formulae or guidelines shall result in an outcomes based model." from the amendatory language of Section 3 of the bill and by substituting instead the following:

The policies and formulae or guidelines shall result in an outcomes based model. In developing an outcomes based model, the commission shall consider factors unique to community colleges.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following language immediately following the second sentence of subdivision (A) of the unnumbered subdivision in subsection (c) in the amendatory language of Section 3:

The commission shall also report any projected tuition increases for the next academic year to the office of legislative budget analysis and the comptroller of the treasury no later than December 1 of each year.

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the following language in subdivision (e)(1) from the amendatory language of Section 5 of the bill:

(1) The commission shall develop a university tract program within the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee board of regents systems consisting

of sixty (60) hours of instruction that can be transferred and applied toward the requirements for a bachelor's degree at the public universities. The tract shall consist of forty-one (41) hours of general education courses instruction and nineteen (19) hours of pre-major courses instruction as prescribed by the commission. Courses in the university tract program shall transfer and apply toward the requirements for graduation with a bachelor's degree at all public universities.

And by substituting instead the language:

(1) The commission shall develop a university tract program within the University of Tennessee and the Tennessee board of regents systems consisting of sixty (60) hours of instruction that can be transferred and applied toward the requirements for a bachelor's degree at the public universities. The tract shall consist of forty-one (41) hours of general education courses instruction and nineteen (19) hours of pre-major courses instruction, or elective courses instruction that count toward a major, as prescribed by the commission, which shall consider the views of chief academic officers and faculty senates of the respective campuses. Courses in the university tract program shall transfer and apply toward the requirements for graduation with a bachelor's degree at all public universities.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsections in § 49-9-1501 of Section 9 of the bill:

() Foster and promote research in science, technology, engineering and mathematics that encourages entrepreneurial opportunities in Tennessee;

() Expand the number of University of Tennessee, Knoxville graduate students conducting their graduate research and education at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory working with Laboratory scientific staff and using the unique facilities of the Laboratory;

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the language "and expand the number of University of Tennessee, Knoxville graduate students conducting their graduate research and education at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory working with Laboratory scientific staff and using the unique facilities of the Laboratory; and" in § 49-9-1501(a) of Section 9 of the bill and by substituting instead the language "and other state universities; and".

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting the word "faculty" in § 49-9-1501(g) of Section 9 of the bill and by substituting instead the language "and other state university faculties".

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following new sections immediately preceding the severability clause section and by renumbering the subsequent sections accordingly:

SECTION _____. On or before December 1, 2010, the Tennessee higher education commission shall submit to the chairs of the education and finance, ways and means committees of both houses of the general assembly a side-by-side comparative analysis of the funds projected to be received by each public institution of higher education for the 2011-2012 fiscal year under both the revised funding formula and the old formula, as if the old formula were still in effect for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

SECTION _____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-202(h), is amended by deleting the language "and the select oversight committee on education" in the last sentence and by substituting instead the language "and to the chairs of the education and finance, ways, and means committees of both houses of the general assembly".

SECTION _____. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 9, is amended by adding the following language as a new Part 16:

49-9-1601.

(a) Recognizing the potential leverage and synergy that can be achieved by collaboration among the public and private entities, it is hereby declared that the University of Memphis, the University of Tennessee Center for the Health

Sciences and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are lead collaborators in the Memphis Research Consortium.

(b) The Memphis Research Consortium, a collaborative venture with other leading research and business entities in Memphis created to promote long-term economic development and job creation, will explore and develop strategies and plans for establishing and enhancing opportunities for research and development in industries including public health, medical devices, medical and healthcare, bio-based products and chemical manufacturing, logistics and supply chain, computational and computer sciences, and learning technologies and related fields. Such strategies and plans, and the development thereof, may include, but not be limited to, participation by other institutions of higher education, hospitals and other health services providers, organizations engaged in the promotion of public health, medical devices, medical and healthcare, bio-based products and chemical manufacturing, logistics and supply chain, computational and computer sciences, learning technologies, bioscience, and bioengineering and related business and research, as well as industrial and commercial enterprises engaged in business activities related to these areas.

(c) It is further declared to be the legislative intent that the University of Memphis, the University of Tennessee Center for the Health Sciences, and other collaborators shall report progress toward developing such strategies and plans to the standing committees on education no later than February 1, 2011.

SECTION _____. The board of regents and the department of labor and workforce development shall develop a plan for the transfer of the administration of the adult basic education program from the department of labor and workforce development to the board of regents by December 1, 2010. The board of regents shall report to the chairs of the education and finance, ways and means committees of both houses of the general assembly on the plan of transfer and any statutory changes needed to carry out such plan no later than December 1, 2010.